

Regarding the formation of a Co-ordination Committee for UNESCO World Heritage Maratha Military Architecture under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Secretary.

Government of Maharashtra
Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs
Government Resolution No. : DAM-2024/C.R.04./C.A.3
Hutatma Rajguru Square, Madam Cama Road,
Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032
Date : 31st January, 2024

Read :- Letter from the Director, Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, Mumbai No, Tantra/M.P.Saniyantran Samiti/2024/44, dt.04.01.2024

Introduction :-

According to Article 49 of the Indian Constitution, it is the duty of the State to protect, preserve and promote the cultural heritage of the State. Under the provisions of the Maharashtra Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1960, the declaration of a State Protected Monument is done by the State Government through the Directorate of Archaeology and Museums. The government intends to prepare a plan with the objective of bringing the State Protected Monuments especially the forts to a good state of conservation and developing tourism facilities on them to make these places into people-oriented and world-class tourist destinations and to promote local employment in the field of tourism and cultural heritage preservation and fort conservation and tourism growth.

However, before submitting the said proposal to UNESCO, the proposal to Constitute the UNESCO World Heritage Co-ordination Committee has been submitted by the Director, Directorate of Archaeology and Museums for approval of the Government by letter under reference. Accordingly, the matter of setting up the said Committee was under the consideration of the Government.

Government Resolution:-

A decision has been taken to constitute UNESCO World Heritage Maratha Military Architecture Co-ordination Committee vide this Government resolution. The composition of this Committee will be as follows:-

Sr. No.	Officer	Post
1.	Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra	Chairperson
2.	Principal Secretary, Department of Cultural Affairs, Government of Maharashtra	Deputy Chairperson
3.	Director General, Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi	Member
4.	Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India, Mumbai Circle	Member
5.	Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar Circle	Member
6.	Superintending Archaeologist Archaeological Survey of India, Chennai Circle	Member
7.	Director, Directorate of Tourism, Government of Maharashtra / Regional Tourism Officer, Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation	Member
8.	State Level Forest Officer / Concerned Chief Conservator of Forests (wherever forest area) / Competent Officer of Forest Department	Member

09.	Collector, District Sindhudurg	Member
10.	Collector, District Ratnagiri	Member
11.	Collector, District Raigad	Member
12.	Collector, District Nashik	Member
13.	Collector, District Pune	Member
14.	Collector, District Kolhapur	Member
15.	Assistant Director (Archaeology), Ratnagiri Division	Member
16.	Assistant Director (Archaeology), Nashik Division	Member
17.	Assistant Director (Archaeology), Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar Division	Member
18.	Assistant Director (Archaeology), Pune Division	Member
19	Smt.Shikha Jain, Development and Research Organization for Nature, Arts and Heritage (DRONAH), Gurugram (Consulting Conservation Architect)	Member
20	Shri. Rushikesh Yadav, Subject Expert	Member
21	Dr Sachin Vidyadhar Joshi, Subject Expert	Member
22	Director, Directorate of Archaeology and Museum, Government of Maharashtra	Member Secretary

02. The terms of reference of UNESCO World Heritage Maratha Military Architecture Co-ordination Committee will be as follows :-

1. Formulation and implementation of site management plan as per archaeological norms for the forts recognized as World Heritage Nomination by UNESCO.
2. To guide the designated organization regarding the development of forts and monuments.
3. To submit an annual report to the Archaeological Survey of India and UNESCO on the progress of the said work through the Director, Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, Maharashtra.
4. Conservation and preservation as per conservation plan.
5. Planning and execution of sustainable tourist facilities that fit within the limited archaeological criteria of preservation, conservation of monuments.
6. To facilitate sustainable tourism development e.g. roads, electricity etc.
7. The works related to this will be carried out only after obtaining technical sanction from the Director, Directorate of Archaeology and Museums as per archaeological norms in UNESCO designated site.
8. The Committee will ensure overall development in surrounding area of UNESCO property through the concerned District Collector by co-ordinating between various departments like PWD, Forest, Tourism etc.

03. The Director, Directorate of Archaeology and Museums should ensure that the said work is done according to archaeological norms.

04. Travel Allowance and Daily Allowance as admissible as per prevailing Government Resolution issued by the Finance Department from time to time will be applicable to Non-Government members. But air travel and air-conditioned first class travel by railways will not be permissible to them.

05. Expenditure on traveling expenses and daily allowance of Non-Government members will be met out of the provision under Budget Head Demand No. ZD-02, Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, 103 Archaeology (01) Directorate of

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06. This Government decision has been made available on the website www.maharashtra.gov.in of the Government of Maharashtra and its reference number is 202402061728255823 This order is being authenticated with digital signature.

In the name and by order of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Nanda Raut)
Deputy Secretary
Government of Maharashtra

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1. Hon'ble Governor, Maharashtra State
2. Hon'ble Chief Minister, Maharashtra State
3. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister (Home), Mantralaya, Mumbai-32
4. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister (Finance & Planning), Mantralaya, Mumbai-32
5. Hon'ble Minister (Cultural Affairs), Mantralaya, Mumbai-32
6. Chief Secretary, Maharashtra State.
7. Principal Secretary, Cultural Affairs Department, Government of Maharashtra
8. Director General, Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi.
9. Divisional Commissioner, Kokan Division.
10. Secretary, Maharashtra Legislative Secretariat, Vidhan Bhavan, Mumbai
11. Collector, Dist. Sindhudurg, Ratnagiri, Raigad, Nashik, Pune, Kolhapur
12. Director General, Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Mumbai
13. Director, Directorate of Tourism Department, Mumbai
14. Director, Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, State of Maharashtra, Mumbai
15. Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India, Mumbai Circle, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar Circle & Chennai Circle
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